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REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 28-31 and 37 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Applicants' representative acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 10-19 and 17 are allowable and that claim 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claims 1 and 28 have been amended to cure the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 as shown at pp. 2-8 of the Reply. Independent claim 37 has also been amended and claim 31 has been cancelled.

The herein amendments to the claims and specification are believed to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

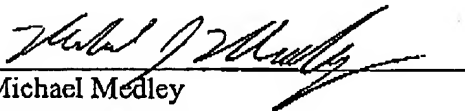
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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